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CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED AND NEW CLAIMS

1. (amended) A method for an electronic communications message system to prioritize an information message comprising:

determining a personalized identifier corresponding to the message;
locating the personalized identifier in a database;
assigning from the database a priority code corresponding to the personalized identifier;
prioritizing the message according to the priority code; and
depositing the message into at least one of a plurality of virtual mailboxes wherein the message is sorted within such virtual mailbox(es) based on the priority code.

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3. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the database, the personalized identifiers, the priority codes, and the correlation between the personalized identifiers and the priority codes are initially defined by a user and subsequently changeable by said user.

4. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the prioritization includes an element of providing a personalized response to the sender.

B2 68. (amended) A system for prioritizing a received information message, the system including a database maintaining known personalized identifiers and priority codes corresponding to known personalized identifiers, said system comprising:
a computing device for determining a first personalized identifier associated with a received information message;
Sub C2 a location device for matching the first personalized identifier with a priority code in said database;
a priority assignment device for assigning said priority code to the received information message corresponding to the first personalized identifier; and
a prioritizer for prioritizing the received information message according to the priority code into at least one of a plurality of virtual mailboxes wherein the received information message is sorted within such virtual mailbox(es) based on the priority code.

69. (canceled)

70. (amended) A computer-readable medium of instructions and data, comprising:
a received message;
a personalized identifier corresponding to the received message;
computer instructions for receiving the message and the personalized identifier;
Sub C3 a database containing known personalized identifiers, each having corresponding priority codes;

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computer instructions for locating the personalized identifier to the database to determine whether the personalized identifier is a known personalized identifier with an assigned priority code indicated in the database;
a priority code corresponding to the message;
computer instructions for assigning the priority code to the message; and
computer instructions for prioritizing the received information message according to the priority code into at least one of a plurality of virtual mailboxes wherein the received information message is sorted within such virtual mailbox(es) based on the priority code.

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75. (new) A method for an electronic communications message system to prioritize an information message, wherein the information message is a voicemail message, comprising:

determining a personalized identifier corresponding to the message;

locating the personalized identifier in a database;

assigning from the database a priority code corresponding to the personalized identifier;

and

prioritizing the message according to the priority code.

76. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is a Caller-ID number corresponding to the voicemail message.

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77. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is a PIN associated with the voicemail message and keyed-in by the sender.
78. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is a PAC associated with the voicemail message and keyed-in by the sender.
79. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is a PIN associated with the voicemail message and spoken by the sender.
80. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is a PAC associated with the voicemail message and spoken by the sender.
81. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is a voice command corresponding to the voicemail message.
82. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from a biometric signature technology associated with the voicemail message.
83. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from the voiceprint of an audio element associated with the voicemail message.

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84. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from a signature analysis of a graphics element associated with the voicemail message.
85. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from processing an optical scan element associated with the voicemail message.
- 86 (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from processing an iris print element associated with the voicemail message.
87. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from processing a DNA scan element associated with the voicemail message.
88. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived using face recognition technology to process a photographic facial image element associated with the voicemail message.
89. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from analysis of a keyboard typing pattern element associated with the voicemail message.
90. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from an analysis of a numeric keypad typing pattern element associated with the voicemail message.

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91. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from an analysis of a hand geometry element associated with the voicemail message.
 92. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from analysis of a fingerprint element associated with the voicemail message.
 93. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from analysis of a thumbprint element associated with the voicemail message.
 94. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the prioritization includes an element of providing a personalized greeting to the sender based on the personalized identifier and the priority code.
 95. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the prioritization includes an element of providing a personalized response to the sender based on the personalized identifier and the priority code.
 96. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from an analysis of a palm-print element associated with the voicemail message.

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97. (new) The method of claim 74, wherein the personalized identifier is derived from an analysis of a palm-print element associated with the voicemail message.
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